

HB 818 -- COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER

SPONSOR: Morris

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, in counties of the first classification, the county commission is authorized to appoint a budget officer, except in some counties, the county auditor must be the budget officer and in other counties, the presiding county commissioner must be the budget officer unless the county clerk is designated.

This bill authorizes the county commission in all counties of the first classification to appoint as budget officer either the county auditor, the presiding county commissioner, the county clerk, or any other person the county commission finds to be qualified for the position.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this decision is best left at the local level and county commissions should have a choice between authorized qualified persons.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Morris; Ray Weter, Christian County Commission; and Tim Brinker.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.